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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Official Action dated April 10, 2007. The period for response is extended per the attached Petition for Extension of Time.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.